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Group Art Unit: 3654
Examiner: Matecki, Katherine A.
For: ELEVATOR BELT ASSEMBLY WITH WAXLESS COATING

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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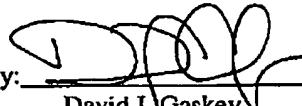
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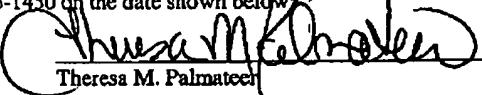
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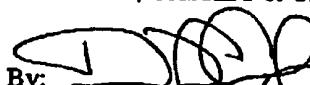
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Applicant hereby appeals the final rejection of January 12, 2006. Applicant previously filed a Notice of Appeal on January 24, 2004 and paid fees in the amount of \$330.00. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached, authorizing fees in the amount of \$170.00, which is the difference between current appeal fees and those paid in 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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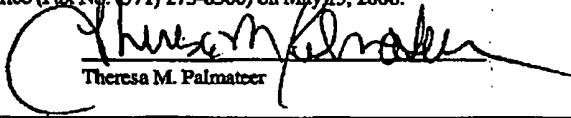

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION		
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Dear Sir: This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. The Examiner's conclusion regarding the Scheidler reference is incorrect. In column 1, the Scheidler reference clearly teaches that the semi-plastic state of the polyurethane is what makes it "sticky." That does not in any way suggest that the polyurethane does not contain wax. Therefore, it cannot be reasonably interpreted that the polyurethane in Scheidler does not include wax. The addition of an oily substance in the Scheidler reference does not suggest that the polyurethane itself does not include wax and stretching the teachings of the reference in that way is not reasonable. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding the proposed combination of the DE '654 and Scheidler references. The Examiner's		

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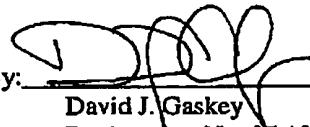
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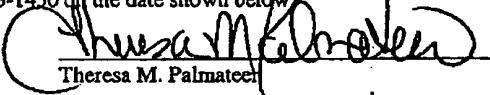
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